

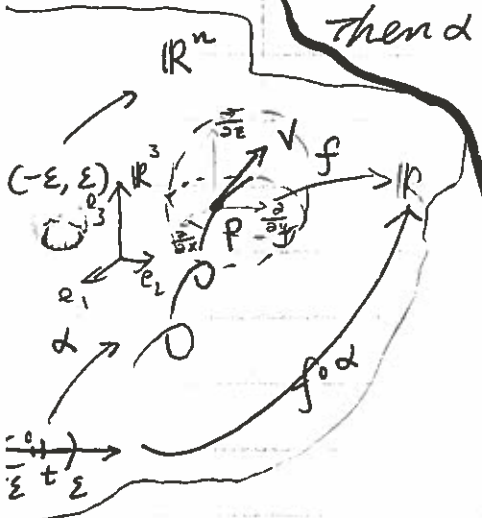
How to study differential  
= study differential  
by study its differential.

Q How to study a manifold?  
by study its tangent vectors and tangent spaces.

**Topic:** Tangent vector, Tangent space, on Manifolds  
Differential of a differentiable mapping.

for regular surface:  
V (velocity of  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ )

But we don't have ambient space



**Tangent vector.**

How to define a tangent vector to a manifold?  
(Note: Our mfd is not embedded in any Euclidean space.)

Let's find characteristic property of a tangent vector  $\in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Recall: Let  $\alpha : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a differentiable curve in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , with  $\alpha(0) = p$ . Write

$$\alpha(t) = (x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)), \quad t \in (-\epsilon, \epsilon), \quad (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{then } \alpha'(0) = (x_1'(0), \dots, x_n'(0)) = v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Now let  $f$  be a differentiable function defined in a nbhd of  $p$ . We can restrict  $f$  to the curve  $\alpha$  and express the directional derivative with respect to the vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  as

$$\left. \frac{d f \circ \alpha}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \bigg|_{t=0} \frac{dx_i}{dt} \bigg|_{t=0} = \left( \sum x_i'(0) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right) f$$

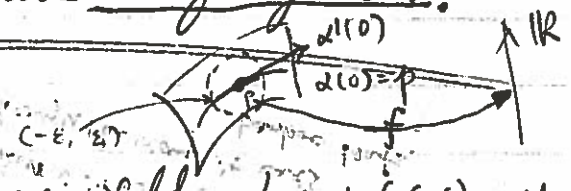
Characteristic property: the directional derivative with respect to  $v$  is an operator on differentiable functions that depends uniquely on  $v$ .

$$f: (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mapsto f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$f \circ \alpha(t) = f(x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t))$$

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \frac{dx_1}{dt} + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \frac{dx_n}{dt}$$

draw a picture instead



**Definition:** Let  $M$  be a differentiable manifold. Let  $\alpha : (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$  be a (differentiable) curve in  $M$  with  $\alpha(0) = p \in M$ .

The tangent vector to the curve  $\alpha$  at  $t=0$  is a function

$\alpha'(0)$  is a function defined on the set of differentiable functions which are differentiable at  $p$ .

$$\alpha'(0) : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ given by } \alpha'(0)f = \left. \frac{d(f \circ \alpha)}{dt} \right|_{t=0}, \quad f \in \mathcal{D}$$

$\mathcal{D}$  = set of functions which are differentiable at  $p$ .

Q Can we view  $\alpha'(0) \in (T_p M)^*$ ?

we view  $f$  is a 0-form. see life analogy on the back.

A tangent vector at  $p$  <sup>of  $M$</sup>  is the tangent vector at  $t=0$  of some curve:  $(-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M$  with  $\alpha(0)=p$ .

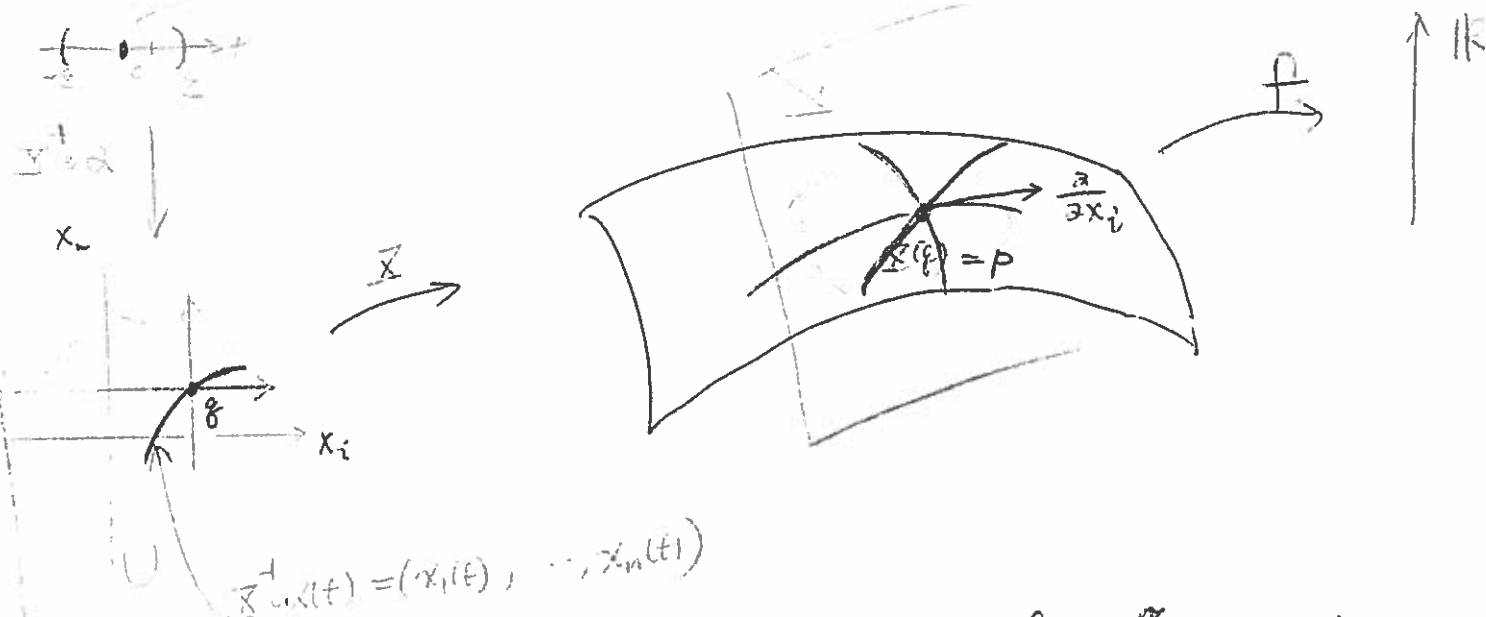
Tangent space Let  $T_p M \triangleq$  all tangent vectors to  $M$  at  $p$ .

Claim:  $T_p M$  is a vector space. Moreover if we choose a parametrization  $\mathbb{R} \cdot U \rightarrow M$ , then  $T_p M$  has a basis  $\left\{ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_0, \dots, \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right)_0 \right\}$  associated to  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
If we choose a parametrization  $\mathbb{R} : U \rightarrow M^n$  at  $p=\mathbb{R}$  we can express the function  $f$  and the curve  $\alpha$  in this parametrization by

$$f \circ \mathbb{R}(\xi) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n), \quad \xi = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in U$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{-1}_0 \alpha(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t))$$

$\alpha$



Then restricting  $f$  to  $\alpha$ ,  $\Rightarrow f \circ \alpha = f(x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t))$

Then by definition

$$\alpha'(0) f = \frac{d}{dt} (f \circ \alpha) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{d}{dt} f(x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)) \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n x'_i(0) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x'_i(0) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_0 \right) f$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha'(0)$  can be expressed in the parametrization  $\Sigma$

by  $\alpha'(0) = \sum_i \dot{x}_i(0) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_0 \quad \dots (*)$

Claim:  $\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_0$  = the tangent vector at  $p$  of the coordinate curve.

Pf:  $\alpha_i: x_i \rightarrow \Sigma(0, 0, \dots, x_i, 0, \dots, 0)$

$\Rightarrow f \circ \alpha_i(t) = f(0, 0, \dots, x_i(t), \dots, 0) \quad x_i(t) = t$

$$\alpha_i'(0)f = \frac{d}{dt} f \circ \alpha_i(t) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \cdot 0 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \cdot 1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \cdot 0 \Big|_{t=0} = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_0(f)$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha_i'(0) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)_0$

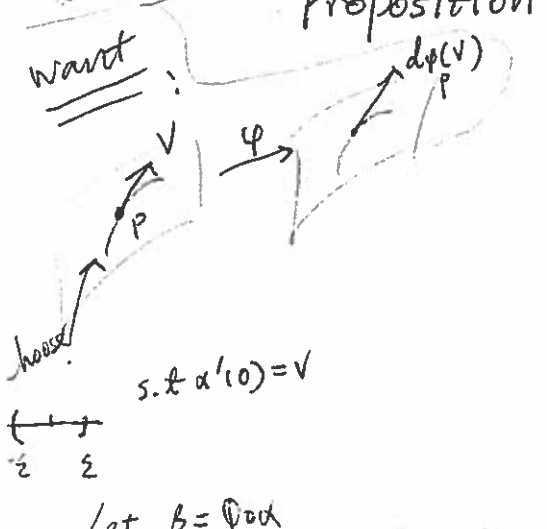
Remark: (\*) says that every vector <sup>on  $T_p M$</sup>  is a linear combination of  $\left\{ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \right)_0, \dots, \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \right)_0 \right\}$ , thus  $T_p M$  is a vector space, (It is clearly that vector structure does not depend on the choice of  $\Sigma$ .)

Differential of  $\varphi$ :  $\leftarrow$  just draw the picture!

Proposition: Let  $M_1^n$  and  $M_2^m$  be differentiable manifolds and  $\varphi: M_1 \rightarrow M_2$  be a differentiable mapping. For every  $p \in M_1$  and every  $v \in T_p M_1$ , choose a differentiable curve  $\alpha: (-\varepsilon, \varepsilon) \rightarrow M_1$  with  $\alpha(0) = p$ ,  $\alpha'(0) = v$ . Take  $\beta = \varphi \circ \alpha$ . The mapping  $d\varphi_p: T_p M_1 \rightarrow T_{\varphi(p)} M_2$  given by  $d\varphi_p(v) = \beta'(0)$  is a linear mapping that does not depend on the choice of  $\alpha$ .

easy to see  
(be)  
indep.  
form a basis  
of  $T_p M_1$

want  
choose  
s.t.  $\alpha'(0) = v$



Let  $\beta = \varphi \circ \alpha$   
 $\frac{d\beta}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} = \beta'(0) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} d\varphi_p(v)$

... is independent of choice of  $\alpha$



# Topic on Vector Fields

require the background of differential equations (existence, uniqueness, dependence on the initial conditions).

## §1.1 Vector fields (Definition) and local flow

① A vector field in an open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ .  
(say  $n=2$ )

In general, a vector field is a map:  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

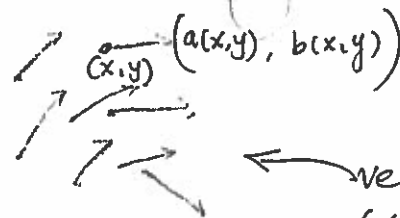
A vector field in an open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$  is a map which assigns to each  $z \in U$  a vector  $W(z) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

$$W: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$z = (x, y) \mapsto (a(x, y), b(x, y)) = W(z)$$

The vector field  $W$  is said to be differentiable if the function  $a(x, y), b(x, y)$  is differentiable on  $U$ .

Geometrically,



vectors vary differentiable w.r.t  $(x, y)$ .

Example: ①  $W(x, y) = (x, y)$

$$② W(x, y) = (y, -x)$$

Given a vector field  $W$ , we want to know whether there exists a trajectory of this field, that is, whether there exist a differentiable parametrized curve  $\alpha(t) = (x(t), y(t))$ ,  $t \in I$ , s.t.  $\alpha'(t) = W(\alpha(t)) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x'(t) = a(x(t), y(t)) \\ y'(t) = b(x(t), y(t)) \end{cases}$

For ①, a trajectory, passing through the point  $(0, 0)$  of the vector field  $W(x, y) = (x, y)$  is the straight line

$$\alpha(t) = (0, 0), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = x \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = y \end{cases}$$

For ②, a trajectory passing through the point  $(0, 0)$  is the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ .

Note That is: the vector field  $W$  determines a system of differential equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = a(x,y) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = b(x,y) \end{cases} \quad (1) \quad \begin{cases} x = x(t) \\ y = y(t) \end{cases}$$

and that a trajectory of  $W$  is a solution to equation (1).

the fundamental thm of (local) existence and uniqueness of solutions of Eq (1) is equivalent to the following statement on trajectories.

$I, J$  open interval of  $\mathbb{R}$  containing origin  $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Thm: Let  $W$  be a differentiable vector field in an open set  $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ . Given  $p \in U$ , there exists a trajectory  $\alpha: I \rightarrow U$  of  $W$  (i.e.  $\alpha'(t) = W(\alpha(t))$ ,  $t \in I$ ) with  $\alpha(0) = p$ . This trajectory is unique in the following sense: Any other trajectory  $\beta: J \rightarrow U$  with  $\beta(0) = p$  agrees with  $\alpha$  in  $I \cap J$ .

\* Important fact: trajectory passing through  $p$  "varies differentiably with  $p$ ". precisely speaking:

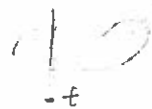
Thm: Let  $W$  be a vector field in an open set  $U$ . For each  $p \in U$ , there exist a nbhd  $V \subset U$  of  $p$ , an interval  $I$ , and a mapping  $\varphi: V \times I \rightarrow U$  such that

1. For a fixed  $q \in V$ , the curve  $\varphi(q, t)$ ,  $t \in I$  is the trajectory of  $W$  passing through  $q$ , that is

$$\begin{cases} \varphi(q, 0) = q \\ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t}(q, t) = W(\varphi(q, t)) \end{cases}$$

2.  $\varphi$  is differentiable.

flow like water wind, big flow map  $\varphi(q, t)$   $t \in I$  to  $x(q, t)$   $V \times I$



Remark: Concretely, this means that all trajectories which pass, for  $t=0$ , in a certain nbhd  $V$  of  $p$  may be "collected" into a single differentiable map.



## ② A Vector field on a regular surface:

Def. A vector field  $W$  is in an open set  $U \subset S$  of a regular surface  $S$  is a correspondence which assigns to each  $p \in U$  a vector  $W(p) \in T_p(S)$ . The vector field  $W$  is differentiable at  $p \in U$  if, for some parametrization  $X(u,v)$  at  $p$ , the functions  $a(u,v)$  and  $b(u,v)$  given by

$$W(p) = a(u,v)Z_u + b(u,v)Z_v$$

are differentiable functions at  $p$ . (It is clear that the definition does not depend on the choice of  $Z$ .)

Example 1): A vector field on torus  $T^2$ : ( $|W(p)|=1$ )

2): A vector field on  $S^2 \setminus \{N, S\}$  ( $|W(p)|=1$ )

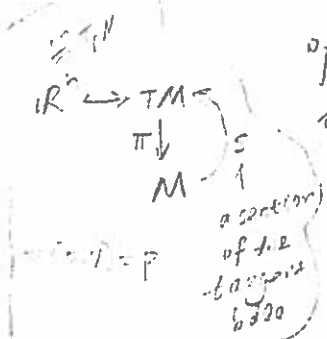
" " " " " "  $S^2$ :

represent all the semi-circles by the same parameter  $t$ ,  $-1 < t < 1$ , and define

$$V(p) = (1-t^2)W(p) \text{ for } p \in S^2 \setminus \{N, S\} \text{ and } V(N) = V(S) = 0.$$

### ③ A vector field on a manifold:

Def: A vector field  $X$  on a differentiable manifold  $M$  is a correspondence that associates to each point  $p \in M$  a vector  $X(p) \in T_p(M)$ . In terms of mappings,  $X$  is a map of  $M$  into the tangent bundle  $TM$ . The field is differentiable if the mapping  $X: M \rightarrow TM$  is differentiable.



talk about it after flow

Local expression: Consider a parametrization  $\Sigma: U \subset \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow M$ . We can write  $X(p) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(p) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$  where each  $a_i: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function on  $U$  and  $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n}\}$  is the basis associated to  $\Sigma$ .

Note:  $\Sigma$  is differentiable  $\Leftrightarrow$  functions  $a_i$  are differentiable for some (and, therefore, for any) parametrization.

Remark: A vector field is a differential operator

$$X: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$$

$$f \mapsto (Xf)(p) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(p) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(p)$$

$\mathcal{D}$  = set of differentiable functions on  $M$ .

$\nabla f$  denotes, by abuse of notation, the expression of  $\nabla f$  in general coordinates. If  $f$  does not depend on the coordinates, the function is constant.

Claim:  $X$  is differentiable iff  $X: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ , that is  $Xf \in \mathcal{D}$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{D}$ .

Remark: Since a differentiable manifold is locally diffeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the fundamental theorem on existence, uniqueness, and dependence on initial conditions of ordinary differential equations (which is valid in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) extends naturally to differential equations on manifolds.



Thm: Let  $X$  be a diff. vector field on a differentiable manifold  $M$ , and let  $p \in M$ . Then there exist a nbhd  $U \subset M$  of  $p$  on interval  $(-\delta, \delta)$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , and a differentiable mapping  $\varphi: (-\delta, \delta) \times U \rightarrow M$  s.t. the curve  $t \rightarrow \varphi(t, \xi)$ ,  $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$ ,  $\xi \in U$ , is the unique curve which satisfy  $\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = X(\varphi(t, \xi))$  and  $\varphi(0, \xi) = \xi$ .

$X$  - vector field  
 $\xi$  - local parametrization

$\varphi$  is called a local flow of  $X$ .

It is common to use the notation  $\varphi_t(\xi) = \varphi(t, \xi)$  and call  $\varphi_t: U \rightarrow M$  the local flow of  $X$ .

for each  $\xi$ , there is a curve

## §1.2 (Lie) Brackets and Lie derivatives

The interpretation of  $X$  as an operator on  $\mathcal{L}$  permits us to consider the iterates of  $X$ .

We will have a special kind of algebra structure on set of vector fields on  $M$ .

more structures  $\Rightarrow$  more manipulations  $\Rightarrow$  more information

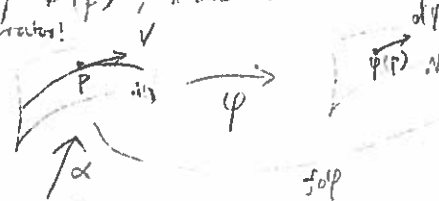
Recall:  $\varphi: M \rightarrow M$  is a diffeo,  $v \in T_p M$  and  $f$  is a differentiable function in a nbhd of  $\varphi(p)$ , then

$$(d\varphi(v)f)(\varphi(p)) = v(f \circ \varphi)(p)$$

is a tangent vector at  $\varphi(p)$

In fact, let  $\alpha: (-\epsilon, \epsilon) \rightarrow M$  a differentiable curve with  $\alpha'(0) = v$ ,  $\alpha(0) = p$ . Then

$$(d\varphi(v)f)(\varphi(p)) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} (f \circ \varphi \circ \alpha) \right|_{t=0} = v(f \circ \varphi)(p)$$



$\Rightarrow$  Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are differentiable fields on  $M$  and  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function, we can consider the function  $X(Yf)$  and  $Y(Xf)$

not a vector field

not a vector field

Since they involves derivatives of higher order (not a first order diff. ops)

But  $XY - YX$  is.

Lemma: Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be differentiable vector fields on a differentiable manifold  $M$ . Then there exists a unique vector field  $Z$  such that, for all  $f \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $Zf = (XY - YX)f$ .

Pf: Proof of uniqueness:

Since  $Z$  exists, want to show  $Z$  is unique.

Let  $p \in M$  and let  $\alpha: U \rightarrow M$  be a parametrization of  $p$ .

$$\text{let } X = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}, \quad Y = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$$

be the expression for  $X$  and  $Y$  in these parametrization

then for  $f \in \mathcal{O}$

$$\begin{aligned} XYf &= X \left( \sum_j b_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \sum_j b_j \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_i \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (b_j) \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_i \frac{\partial b_j}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} + b_j \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} YXf &= Y \left( \sum_i a_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right) = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \sum_i a_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n b_j \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} + a_i \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_i} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $Z$  is given in the parametrization  $\alpha$ , by

$$Zf = XYf - YXf = \sum_{i,j} \left( a_i \frac{\partial b_j}{\partial x_i} - b_j \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial x_j} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_j} \quad \dots \quad (*)$$

$$\Rightarrow Z \text{ is unique: } Z = \sum_{i,j} \left( a_i \frac{\partial b_j}{\partial x_i} - b_j \frac{\partial a_i}{\partial x_j} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}$$



Proof of existence:

Define  $Z_\alpha$  in each coordinate neighborhood  $Z_\alpha(U_\alpha)$  of differential structure  $\{U_\alpha, \mathcal{Z}_\alpha\}$  on  $M$  by  $(*)$ . By uniqueness  $Z_\alpha = Z_\beta$  on  $Z_\alpha(U_\alpha) \cap Z_\beta(U_\beta) \neq \emptyset$ , which allows us to define  $Z$  on the entire manifold  $M$ .

Q.E.D.

Definition: The vector field  $Z$  given by above Lemma is called the (Lie) bracket:  $[X, Y] = XY - YX$  of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

Note  $Z = [X, Y]$  is differentiable

The bracket operation has the following properties:

Proposition: If  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  are differentiable vector fields on  $M$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f, g$  are differentiable functions then:

(a)  $[X, Y] = -[Y, X]$

(b)  $[aX + bY, Z] = a[X, Z] + b[Y, Z]$

(c)  $[X, Y], Z] + [[Y, Z], X] + [[Z, X], Y] = 0$  (Jacobi ident.)

(d)  $[fX, gY] = f g [X, Y] + f X(g) Y - g Y(f) X$

$\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix}$

Pf. (a) and (b) are immediate.

re:  $[X, Y], Z] = [XY - YX, Z] = (XY - YX)Z - Z(XY - YX)$

$= XYZ - YXZ - ZXY + ZYX$

$[X, [Y, Z]] = [X, (YZ - ZY)] = X(YZ - ZY) - (YZ - ZY)X$

$= XYZ - XZY - YZX + ZYX$

$[Y, [Z, X]] = Y(ZX - XZ) - (ZX - XZ)Y$

$= YZX - YXZ - ZXY + ZYX$

(d)  $[fX, gY] = f X(gY) - g Y(fX) = f X(g) Y + f g XY - g Y(f) X - g f YX$

$= f g [X, Y] + f X(g) Y - g Y(f) X$